February - 2015

Dear Member,

Hi all, hope you have dug out from the blizzard of 2015. Please check out our meeting next week.

President's Letter

February edition

Hope you are all surviving the winter of 2015 and have warm, cozy plans for this Valentine month.

For those of you who missed it, our January meeting was a new venture with the Society of Casualty Safety Engineers. They invited us for their annual Workers Compensation update with presentations by Murray Pinkston and Jack Duffy, both with Stone and Johnson. They covered changes in the laws and trends from both a federal and state perspective. Those who attended agreed it was a very informative endeavor worth the excursion to the northwestern suburbs.

This month we have a new presenter that I think you will find very entertaining. Fiona Tranter from Abbott Laboratories will be updating us on Combustible Dust Hazards. Fiona has presented to other groups on this topic with rave reviews. Consider reserving some time from your February activities to expand your knowledge on such a vital subject.

Please note that we will be having an officer open house after our presentation on February 10th from 2 - 6 PM for anyone interested in learning more about Chapter volunteering and officer positions. We are always looking to involve more members and generate new ideas to serve the membership. Please respond to the invitation for the open house as well as the monthly meeting; snacks and refreshment will be served. Don't forget to check the website: www.assechgo.org for details.

- February 13, 2015: Luncheon meeting at Cucina Biagio, Harwood Heights, IL. Our presenter will be
Fiona Tranter who will be presenting on Combustible Dust Hazards and Controls. Fiona’s presentation is complete with fantastic videos of combustible dust explosions; be sure to block time on your calendar now.

- **March 10, 2015:** Luncheon meeting at Cucina Biagio, Harwood Heights, IL. Tom Barlich with be presenting on Infrastructure and Utility Contract Safety. Tom has conducted other presentations for our Chapter in the past and has been well-received by attendees.
- **April 14, 2015:** Luncheon meeting probably at Cucina Biagio in Harwood Heights, IL. Our Student Chapter will be presenting their projects for our review. Make it a date to learn more about trending issues through the eyes of young, budding safety professionals.

Thank you for your continued membership in the Greater Chicago Chapter. Be sure and keep your contact information updated on the member portion of the ASSE website to ensure prompt communication from headquarters and your chapter. And consult the program currently on the chapter website (www.assechgo.org) for any questions on locations or dates for future meetings. Feel free to contact me at kblbaskt@comcast.net with any questions, and think spring thoughts!!

**Upcoming Meetings**

February Meeting - Fiona Tranter - Combustible Dust Hazards and Controls - Officer meet and greet following the presentation 2-6PM
March Meeting - Tom Barlich Infrastructure and Utility Contract Safety
April Meeting - Student Chapter - Topic TBD

All meetings - unless otherwise specified are at the following times and location.
11:30 Networking
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Presentation

Cucina Biagio
7319 W Lawrence Ave
Harwood Heights, IL 60706
Job Board

Current Positions

- Loss Control Trainee - Chubb Insurance - Chicago

For details on these and other jobs please see the ASSE Greater Chicago job board on our website:

http://www.assechgo.org/jobs/

Hope to see some of you on the 10th. Have a great month. Remember only six more weeks of winter...

Sincerely,

Tim Murphy - Newsletter Editor
Greater Chicago Chapter ASSE